

CONGRATULATING INDIANA  
BROADCASTER OF THE YEAR  
AWARD RECIPIENT, HAROLD A.  
WELTER

### HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Harold Welter for receiving the Indiana Football Coaches Association "2004 Broadcaster of the Year Award."

For 39 years Harold Welter has been the voice of high school sports in Indiana's Kankakee Valley. If there was an important football game, boy's basketball game, girl's basketball game, and even sometimes a baseball game in the area, Harold was there broadcasting it on WKVI radio.

Though Harold is a die-hard fan of his hometown Knox High School Redskins, he broadcasts each game in a professional and impartial manner that brings the action of the game to life for his listeners. He also regularly invites local individuals to be guest commentators on a night's game, a privilege I have had on one occasion.

Harold has gone the extra mile promoting high school sports. He established a Saturday morning radio show now called "Saturday Sportsline" on WKVI which recognizes outstanding high school sports teams and athletes through in-depth interviews with coaches and players that let listeners learn more about our local sports heroes.

This year, the Indiana Football Coaches Association recognized Harold's dedication to high school sports in Indiana by naming him their "Broadcaster of the Year." It is a tremendous honor and well deserved. His sincerity and concern for the lives of young adults is admirable and recognized by all who know him.

From his first job in radio at WRIN in Rensselaer, Indiana, to his many years of calling high school sports in the Kankakee Valley, Harold has kept his listeners tuning in. I am pleased to join other Hoosier sports fans in honoring Harold for his contributions to Indiana high school sports and congratulate him again for being named "Broadcaster of the Year" by the Indiana Football Coaches Association.

### THE HEALTHY START REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004

### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to announce that, along with my colleagues Representatives EDOLPHUS TOWNS, CHARLES "CHIP" PICKERING, ELIJAH CUMMINGS, SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, ROSA DELAURO, JOHN SPRATT, BOBBY RUSH, JIM MARSHALL, and DANNY DAVIS, I am introducing legislation to reauthorize the Healthy Start Act, H.R. 4905.

The Healthy Start program works to reduce the incidence of infant mortality and low birth weight and eliminate perinatal disparities in communities across the Nation where the infant mortality rate is in excess of 150 percent

of the national average. The program, which began as a successful demonstration project in 1991 under the leadership of Health and Human Services Secretary Lewis Sullivan and was overwhelmingly authorized by Congress in 2000, has at its core the recognition that infant mortality and morbidity are not just medical problems, they are community problems. To qualify for a Healthy Start grant, communities must buy-in by forming networks of community public and private decision-makers and leaders, educators, health professionals, and family members to set ambitious goals for themselves and work in a coordinated and effective way to meet those goals. These programs are targeted to at-risk populations and are characterized by aggressive outreach to reach young women who are pregnant and/or are already mothers, as well as fathers, who live in communities with the toughest poverty, drug use, and unemployment.

We are fortunate to have a Healthy Start program in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in my Congressional district. Our Healthy Start Family Resource Center offers prenatal care, WIC resources, transportation, personal counseling and many other services. So far, 100 percent of the expectant mothers who have received prenatal care and other services through the Center have delivered healthy, full-term babies.

The Healthy Start Reauthorization Act will reauthorize the program for fiscal years 2005 through 2010 at "such sums as may be necessary."

### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MAJOR GENERAL RONALD L. LOWE

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Congress and the nation take great pride in formally recognizing the exceptionally meritorious military service of Major General Ronald L. Lowe, U.S. Army, who completes his tour as the Chief of Staff, United States Pacific Command on the 29th of July 2004. This significant milestone marks the completion of more than 38 years of active and reserve service to the nation.

Major General Ronald L. Lowe was assigned to the position of Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii on 4 June 2000. Prior to joining the USPACOM staff, General Lowe served for three years as the Deputy Commander for Support, Eighth U.S. Army, Yongsan, Korea. In this role he served as the senior wartime logistician responsible for battle command of all Army combat service support forces in the Korea theater of operations. Earlier, MG Lowe served for four years as Vice Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers (DISC4), Office of the Secretary of the Army, with duty at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Prior to recall to active duty under the Defense Department's "Chairman's Ten" program, General Lowe held U.S. Army Reserve command assignments with the 351st Civil Affairs Command, the 7th Psychological Operations Group and the 14th Psychological Op-

erations Battalion. During the early years of his career General Lowe served on active duty as a mechanized infantry platoon leader, company commander and battalion logistics officer, in Europe. Later he served as a Deputy District Senior Advisor in the Republic of Vietnam and as Chief of the Enlisted Separations Branch of the U.S. Army Personnel Center.

General Lowe is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Jose State University and Certificates in Procurement and Applied Total Quality Management from the University of California, Berkeley. He has participated in advanced management programs at the University of California at Los Angeles, Michigan State University and Harvard University. In civilian life, General Lowe retired from Pacific Bell, an SBC Communications subsidiary, in 1997. Prior to his retirement he served as Pacific Bell's Executive Director of General Contracting. More recently he worked in Europe as a senior consultant for KPMG. He is a past President of the Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association, SARCA, and the National Civil Affairs Association and he currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Association of the U.S. Army.

General Lowe has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and various other decorations.

The U.S. Congress congratulates MG Lowe on his retirement, and extends its gratitude for his many years of service to our nation.

### A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JOHN REAGAN MCKEE ON THE OCCA- SION OF HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to Mr. John Reagan McKee on the occasion of his retirement. On June 4, 2004, Mr. McKee retired after thirty years as an English teacher at Libbey High School in Toledo, OH.

To truly do Mr. McKee justice would not be to speak of his achievements by the awards he received or the teams he coached; it would be to speak of the kind of educator he was. John McKee was able to turn discouraging circumstances into opportunities.

John McKee introduced students to their potential and his belief in their character guided and motivated children to fulfill their dreams. For the past five years, the Graduating class has chosen Mr. McKee as the teacher who influenced them most.

Whether an English teacher, basketball coach or Advisor on the school paper, John McKee brought out the best in his students and made sure they recognized it as well. In doing so, he ensured himself a permanent spot in the memories of his students as one who truly believed in them. Among students